

theCHITIMACHA NEWSLETTER

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**NEWSLETTER
EDITOR**

Ted M. Darden



Chairman Ralph C. Darden

NOTES FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

[Chairman Darden asked me to "guest write" this column for him and I am happy to oblige.]

I have good news on the subject of the Chairman. He has "seen the light" (at the end of the tunnel, that is!). The Chairman is much improved and thanks you all for your good wishes and prayers. He told me just last Tuesday, as I drove him to his 12th-to-last treatment, "this has been no picnic, my friend, but 12 more and these are behind me." The sparkle is back in his eye, his prognosis is excellent and he will be back at full speed before you know it.

On the business front, there is much to report:

The Raintree Village project is on the move. Just last week, our developer, Ed Nigro, and I met with Parish officials to discuss the status of spine road funding. I am pleased to report that the bond issue has been approved, we have come to an agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers and we have indications that state economic development funds will be available to build the two roads off the spine road. Not since the levee was built in the 1930's has there been a public works project of this significance around here and I am proud that the Tribe is the catalyst for it.

Also on the subject of Raintree Village, we are holding discussions with Baldwin Mayor Wayne Breaux regarding incorporating the Village into the City of Baldwin. The City would then provide police, fire, water and sewer services to the residents of the development. This project will have an enormously positive impact on the Tribe, not to mention the entire Parish. Should you have any questions whatsoever regarding the Raintree Village development, don't hesitate to call me.

In other news, another new road, this one entirely within the existing boundaries of the reservation, is underway. Bids for this road, beginning at the mausoleum and connecting Choctaw, Cherokee and Chitimacha Loop, came in under budget. I anticipate completion by the Second Quarter of 1998. This new road will allow for the development of 50 new home sites on the reservation.

We are moving ahead with the substantial upgrade to our existing sewer plant to handle the needs of the casino expansion. We are also moving ahead in making arrangements with the Parish for their sewer facilities to handle the needs of the 50 new Reservation home sites.

On the education front, I'm pleased to report that we have more than 15 Tribal members enrolled in the USL Hospitality Management degree program. This is a big step forward in the area of adult education!

And, last but not least Cypress Bayou Casino continues to do record business.

Again, if you have any comments or suggestions or if you have questions, don't hesitate to call me personally. Thank you!

Alton D. LeBlanc, Jr. Vice-Chairman

"Kop's Korner"

News from the Chitimacha P.D. Frank McCloskey, Police Chief

For the month of August the police department issued no traffic citations and two arrests were logged on charges of forgery and theft.

D.A.R.E. OFFICER

Officer Linda Goodyear has taken on a new job responsibility with the police department. Linda is now teaching the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program at the Chitimacha Tribal School. Linda is a certified D.A.R.E. instructor, having taught the program in Iberia Parish for six years. Linda will also take on the responsibilities of juvenile and probation officer for the Tribe.

CHIEF OF POLICE GRADUATES

Chief McCloskey have completed sixteen weeks of training with the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Department Basic Training Academy and on August 18, 1997, successfully completed the Louisiana P.O.S.T. (Peace Officer Standards Training) Council examination. Congratulations to the Chief on his achievements!

WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEE

We welcome to the police department, Cassandra Butaud. Cassandra started her employment as Communications Officer on August 25, 1997, and already worked with us, on a temporary basis, for six months last year. Welcome back Cassandra!

CHIEF GOES TO JAIL!

On Thursday, August 21, 1997, Chief McCloskey had to make bail to get out of jail during the Muscular Dystrophy Association Lock-Up held at Columbia Chevrolet in Franklin. Chief McCloskey and other participants taking part in the donation drive were picked up by police volunteers and had to make phone calls to raise money for their bail. In a two hour period Chief

managed to raise \$355.00 and was finally released. It was all good fun and for a worthwhile cause. A total of \$4,000.00 was raised to help provide services for more than 850 muscular dystrophy patients in southwest Louisiana.

GIFT OF APPRECIATION

Thanks to Mr. Ovide Butaud Jr., from all the employees at the police department, for the delicious pecan cake. Mr. Ovide surprised us with a pecan cake as a way of saying "Thank You" for a job well done.

CHITIMACHA JUNIOR POLICE SUMMER PROGRAM

With money raised from the car wash and raffle ticket sales and donations from some very generous people 26 junior police, along with chaperons, traveled to the Houston Astrodome on Sunday, August 3, 1997, to watch a baseball game between the Houston Astros and the New York Mets. We all had a great time and we gratefully acknowledge the following for their support and assistance to the Chitimacha Junior Police:

THE CHITIMACHA TRIBE OF LA.
Chairman Ralph Darden

THE CYPRESS BAYOU CASINO
Tom Odisho, Bill Young, Terry Martin,
David Laszczak, Tammy Stevens,
Acqualine Arnold & Deborah Anderson

THE TRADING POST
Pat Mora & Joy Johnson

**LONNIE MARTIN'S
BACKHOE SERVICE**
Lonnie & Angie Martin

CHITIMACHA SEAFOOD
Russell Persilver

WAL-MART INC.
Clint LeBlanc & Lee Carlton

**ROTC MEMBERS THAT
HELPED CHAPERON**
Kacey Burgess, Bret Burgess,
Lacey Soprano & Teddy Deslatte

We also thank everyone that assisted with the car wash, made cakes and cookies for the bake sale and bought raffle tickets to

help support the Junior Police Summer Program.

RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

1st Place 13" COLOR TV
PAM JONES, CHARENTON

**2nd. Place - CD STEREO
SYSTEM**
RUSTY PERSILVER,
CHARENTON

**3rd. Place - ROD N'REEL
COMBO**
LEIGH CHARPENTIER,
FRANKLIN



Four Junior Police Members, pictured above with Chief McCloskey, did an outstanding job selling raffle tickets. Billy St. Blanc sold 100 tickets, Eric Brown sold 89 tickets, Nick Persilver sold 88 tickets, and Robert Brown sold 66 tickets. Chief McCloskey presented these members with certificates of achievement and Wal-Mart gift certificates.



THE HOUSTON ASTRODOME WELCOMED THE CHITIMACHA JUNIOR POLICE MEMBERS BY DISPLAYING THE NAME ON THEIR LIGHTED BOARD.

TRIBAL COURT NEWS

From: Holly A. Robicheaux, Tribal Courts Director

CURRENT COURT STATISTICS:

CASES: (09)

5 Civil Actions (3 Garnishments and 1 Civil Tort); and 4 Domestic Actions (1 Pet. For Disb. Of Funds; 2 Pet. For Divorce; and 1 Pet. For Chg. In Custody).

MORTGAGES AND LIENS: (17)

15 Assignments; 1 UCC-1 with and Assignment of Lease to Secure Mortgage; and 1 UCC-1 Termination.

MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS: (00)

COURT OF APPEALS: (01)

Petition For Review (CV Tort)

TOTAL ACTIONS PROCESSED IN AUGUST

(27)

CASES PENDING AS OF AUGUST 1, 1997:

TRIAL COURT: (33)

27	Civil (13 Torts/1 Probate/12 Reg. Civil/ 1 Judg. Debtor)
02	Criminal
00	Domestic Relations
02	Juvenile
02	Traffic

APPELLATE COURT: (01)

01	Civil Tort Action
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COURT SESSIONS:

TRIBAL TRIAL COURT:

REGULAR SESSION

The monthly Tribal Trial Court session was held on August 6 1997, at which time 22 matters were scheduled to be heard;

(4) CIVIL TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS (Hearings /Trials);

(1) CIVIL TORT ACTION (1 Preliminary Hearing);

(1) JUVENILE (1 Fact-Finding Hear.) and;

(15) REG. CIVIL (1 Judg. Debtor Rule; and 14 Reg. Civil Complaint Hear.).

SPECIAL SESSION

A special session was also held on August 12, 1997, at which time 13 matters were scheduled to be heard;

CIVIL TORT ACTIONS

(8) Mot. Hears.-Jury/Non-Jury Determ.;

(4) Rules To Show Cause; and;

(1) Status Conference)

SEPTEMBER SESSION:

REGULAR SESSION

Our next regular session is scheduled for September 3, 1997 with open session beginning at 10:00 a.m.

SPECIAL SESSION

A Special Session on September 12, 1997 is scheduled for 6 Pre-Trial Conferences and 1 Motions Hearing to be heard on Civil Tort Trials set for October 13, 1997.

As always, if you would like any further information regarding the Tribal Courts, please feel free to contact the Court at 923-7806

Cultural Department News

By Kimberly S. Walden

The Cultural Department held two workshops last month. A language workshop was held August 4th-9th for the faculty and staff of the Chitimacha Tribal School. Julian Granberry, the linguist, gave the teachers a crash course in our language. Everyone seemed to have mastered the basics and also to have enjoyed themselves in the process. Great job teachers! The teachers began teaching the core vocabulary of the Chitimacha language during the first week of school. Students will be taught 150 vocabulary words and 30 grammar patterns at each grade level. By the end of 6th grade the students will have learned 1,050 vocabulary words and have a working knowledge of Chitimacha grammar, enough to hold a conversation in Chitimacha! The language will be taught in the classrooms and reinforced in my Cultural Education classes. The more the children practice the language the better they will get. Parents and relatives, ask the children to share their new words with you.

A pottery workshop was held at the Cultural Department on Saturday, August 16, 1997. Several adults and children attended. Chris Espenshade, the expert on Southeast regional pottery, showed us many techniques that our ancestors used to make our pottery. Chris also taught us how to fire the pottery in the kiln and in a pit fire. Everyone had a great time. Our pottery is drying at our department. If anyone is interested in seeing what we've done, feel free to stop in and look. We should have the pieces completed (dried and fired) by mid-September.

Several requests have been made for a Saturday pottery class. Anyone interested in attending should contact the Cultural Department.

The schedule for Native American Dance classes has been **tentatively** set for the second and forth Wednesdays of every month. The time for the evening classes is still being considered. Anyone interested in attending and having a time preference, please contact the department.

The schedule for Chitimacha Language classes is being considered. Anyone interested in attending and having suggestions on the dates and times of the classes

should call or come by the Cultural Department. These classes will begin as soon as the tapes and books have been reproduced.

Reminder: Beadwork classes are being held every Monday, 6:00-7:00 at the Cultural Department, with the exception of holidays. Come join us!

Cultural Community News

By Carolyn B. Savage

We had forty children and young people participate in our summer program. We had all ages from 5 through 15. Each group attended class for one week and they all learned to do beadwork.

We started out making keyrings and chokers. Depending on the age of the student, they also learned to make bracelets, necklaces and anklets. The older students learned how to use the loom. They were all excited about coming to class and they were extremely proud of their finished work. Many of them made things for their parents so I know they have become special momentos already.

Again, I want to thank you parents for getting your children here each day. I also want to thank each and every student who participated. You made this summer program a success. I thoroughly enjoyed working with each and every one of you and we all had fun learning something new. I would like to encourage you all to continue beading and learning new patterns. If you need our help please come by our department and we will help you.

I would also like to thank Natalie Vilcan, Jenna Marcotte and Neka Savage for being my helpers this summer. You all did a great job and I appreciate it very much.

Just a reminder to let you all know that we are still having beadwork classes on Monday evening at 6:00 p.m. Come and join us at the Senior/Youth Center. If you have any questions please feel free to call us at 923-9923.

This month's news from the past will highlight all of the known Chitimacha chiefs from early European contact to date. This list has been compiled from a variety of sources, including but not limited to Bulletin's of American Ethnology, land documents, old journals, and other historical documents.

CHITIMACHA CHIEFS

- 1695** - Framboise, Chief of the Plaquemine Bayou village Tsa'xtsincup na'mu, above Paris Duvernay's concession, which was four leagues square and fronted by the Mississippi River to the north and by the Atchafalays River to the south, to the west by Plaquemine Bayou and extending to the east four leagues or 320 arpents to the Bayougoulas, Iberville Parish. This concession was later reduced. Chief Framboise, Wa'Shka ema'mtch, was the chief who chanted the calumet ceremony at the end of the Chitimacha/French war in 1718. Framboise was also a slave who escaped the French and returned to his people.
- 1738** - Totica, Chief of the village Grosse Tete na'mu, 2 miles from the Plaquemine village. An old document states this about Totica. "About two weeks ago two inhabitants of Point Coupee descended to this capital and came to inform me that they had seen when they passed by the Chitimacha's the man named Totica, a chief of that nation, who had told them confidentially that Tatooed Serpent of the Avoyelles had been sent to see him to induce him to form an alliance with the Tunicas; that the latter said that he had plotted with the Natchitoches and the nations on the upper part of the Red River to go and destroy the post of M. de St. Denis."
- 1767** - Champana, Chief of the Sword, head chief over all Chitimacha villages. Old documents list him in the village here in Charenton, Plaquemine, Bayou Chene. This Chief was from the village Teat Kasi'tuncki (Charenton). Of all the Chiefs, Champana's clan is documented. Old documents show him as Bear clan. He was called Chief of the Sword because he was presented with a sword by the French. A letter of Governor Aubry to Lauriete, commandant at Manchac, stated the following: "The Chief of the Sword, Chief of the Chitimacha Nation is a good savage who has always paid attention to the work of the French and who has lead his nation well, and I request Monseieur Lauriete, commanding officer of his Catholic Majesty, established at Manchac, to receive him as a good chief when he comes to see him." This letter was dated July 19, 1767.
- 1780** - Mingo Luax (Fire Chief), Chief at Irish Bend, Franklin, whose village name was Wai't'inimc. Old documents state that his village was 10 leagues from the sea, meaning the Atchafalaya.
- 1780** - Soulouche Houma dit Soulier Rouge (dit meaning also known as) at Indian Creek or Indian Bend, Tcat Kasi'tuncki, now called Charenton. Soulier Rouge was also called Red Shoes by the French and Spanish, and is the only other Chief of the Chitimacha other than Champana whose clan was documented, his also being Bear clan. In Chitimacha his name was Kamin Nu Tuh.
- 1787** - Unzaga Champana, Chief of Bayou Plaquemine Village, Ce'ti na'mu. Letter to Governor Miro was written by this Chief and dated August 13, 1787.
- 1798** - Jupiter, Chief of the Verdunville area, St. Mary Parish. His name is known from old land documents only.
- 1799** - Jean Baptiste Soulier Rouge, Chief of Charenton village, Teat Kasi'tuncki. He was the son of Chief Soulier Rouge.
- Unknown** - Chief Ku'Traha at Co'Ktangi ha'ne hetc'i'nc (pond lily worship house), on the south side of Graine a Volee inlet, Grand Lake 3-4 miles northwest of Charenton.

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Unknown - Chief Tu'shpi'nigan, village of Hi'pinimtc na'mu (Prairie landing village), on the western part of Grand Lake, at the Fausse Pointe, near Bayou Gosselin.

Unknown - Chieftess Shu'sh hana'nki (Wooden house) at Bayou Gosselin. Wife of Tu'shpi'nigan. Chieftess for 12 years after her husband died at the Hi'pinimtc na'mu (Prairie landing village).

Unknown - Chief Upeke'tnish (Double Killer), Charenton village Tcat Kasi'tuncki.

1802 - Jean Louis Vazaga Champana, Plaquemine Bayou village, Tsa'xtsincup na'mu. Information obtained from Spanish land grant papers, collection 79, folder 11.

1803 - Mingo Luak, Chief of village located on Lake Mingoluak near Bayou Chene, called Ku'cux, which means cottonwood village. Appears that this chief was of the Irish Bend village, and relocated.

1806 - Chief Baltasar, village near Bayou Gris, Ama'tpan na'mu, on the lake shore of Grand Lake. This location is where the Attakapas Wildlife Refuge Office is situated, above Irish Bend. His Chitimacha name was Munkaissee. This information was obtained from Barthelemy Lanfond 1806 map.

1810 - Adele Champana, Chieftess of Charenton village, Tcat Kasi'tuncki. Daughter of Jean Louis Vazaga Champana. Wife of Jean Baptiste Soulier Rouge. Acquired from Western District records, Lafayette, La.

1814 - Celestain Groffe and Gutto, Chief of Charenton Village, Tcat Kasi'tuncki. Son and daughter of Soulouche Houma dit Soulier Rouge. Obtained from Clerk of courts records, St. Mary Parish.

1845 - Alexander Bertin, Chief of Charenton village, Tcat Kasi'tuncki. Descendant of Jean Framboise de Bertin of Iberville Parish. Listed as Chief of the Chitimacha in suit against United States, suit # 62.

1850 - Salvatir, Chief of Charenton village, Tcat Kasi'tuncki. Salvatir is the last known documented Chief buried at Graine a Volee. Information obtained from Goodwin & Associates study, March 1985, page 209.

1853 - Eugenie Soulier Rouge, Chieftess of Charenton village, Tcat Kasi'tuncki. She was the daughter of Jean Baptiste Soulier Rouge. She was born 1798, baptized in the Catholic Church here in Charenton on April 14, 1867, and died January 16, 1868 at 70 years old. She was also known as a medicine woman of the Tribe. In the 1860 census it states "Old married Indian female native of Louisiana, housekeeper, died of consumption." She was the chieftess who was presented a silver headband with engraved designs on it.

1869 - Alexander Darden II, Chief of Charenton village, Tcat Kasi'tuncki. Last known lineage chief of the Chitimacha, father of Clara Darden who was known as the basket maker who kept the cultural art from dying out by teaching many Chitimacha women.

1890 - Paul Nelson, Chief of Charenton village, Tcat Kasi'tuncki.

1897 - John Paul, Chief of Charenton village, Tcat Kasi'tuncki. Information obtained National Archives, Fort Worth, Texas. Chief Paul was born on January 15, 1835 and was baptized August 17, 1869 at 34 years of age. He died January 25, 1903 at 68 years of age. John Paul married Marguerite Felicite Bernard, Chitimacha. Chief Paul was a carpenter by trade.

1903 - Benjamin Paul, Chief of Charenton village, Tcat Kasi'tuncki. Benjamin Paul was born January 15, 1867, baptized August 14, 1867 at the Catholic Church here in Charenton. His godfather was Pierre Bernard and his Godmother was Mary Falcon, both Chitimacha's. Chief Paul married Christine "Taunte Meme" Navarro, Chitimacha. They had no children, but raised many orphaned children during their lifetime. Benjamin Paul

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was the last known fluent speaker of pure Chitimacha, and recorded the Chitimacha language with ethnographer Morris Swadesh in 1932, 1933 and part of 1934 on wax cylinders. Also studies done with John R. Swanton recorded much of the old cultural ways. Chief Paul could not read or write, but was known as a very intelligent man. Known to the Chitimacha as Uncle Jam, he died in 1934. Chief Paul remained as Chief of the Chitimacha until 1934, serving his people a total of 31 years.

- 1934** - Ernest Darden, Chief of Charenton village, Tcat Kasi'tuncki. Chief Darden was the last Chief to be called by that title. Married to Felicia Mora, they had 10 children. Chief Darden is known as the Chitimacha Chief to recognize the value of an education, and started the first Chitimacha school at his home in Charenton. The classes were held in the front room of his home and continued until remained Chief for 12 years, until 1947.
- 1947** - Alexander P. Darden, Chief of Charenton village, Tcat Kasi'tuncki. Chief Darden served the Chitimacha for one year, until his death.
- 1948** - Leroy Burgess, Chief of Charenton village, Tcat Kasi'tuncki.
- 1950** - Emile Stouff, Chief of Charenton village, Tcat Kasi'tuncki. Chief Stouff led his people from 1950 to 1969. His mother was Delphine Stouff, Chitimacha medicine woman and basket maker.
- 1969** - Leonard "Nick" Stouff, Chief of Charenton village, Tcat Kasi'tuncki. Chief Stouff is well known as a Tribal historian who still works towards the cultural preservation of the Chitimacha. Chief Stouff was part of a elected council that wrote the tribal constitution.
- 1971** - Leroy Burgess, Chairman of Charenton village, Tcat Kasi'tuncki. Chairman Burgess was a part of the elected council, serving as Vice Chairman, who wrote the tribal constitution. During Chairman Burgess's term of office, the Tribal School was built in 1976 and Health

Care was implemented. Chairman Burgess remained Chief of the Chitimacha people until 1981.

- 1981** - Daniel Darden, Chairman of Charenton village, Tcat Kasi'tuncki. Chairman Darden served two terms, from 1981 to 1983, and again from 1987 to 1989. During Chairman Darden's term the Trading Post was opened and is still in operation today.
- 1983** - Larry Burgess, Chairman of Charenton village, Tcat Kasi'tuncki. Chairman Burgess served as Chairman for two terms from 1983 to 1987. Chitimacha Bayou Land Bingo was in planning during Chairman Burgess's administration.

Ralph Darden, Chairman of Charenton village, Tcat Kasi'tuncki. Chairman Darden, current Chitimacha Chairman, has recently been re-elected by the people for another two year term. Since Chairman Darden's election of 1989, a police department, fire department, Multi-Purpose Building, Tribal Courts, Housing Authority, Senior Youth Center, Fitness Center and swimming pool, and Cypress Bayou Casino are just some of the economic development that is currently in place for the Tribe. Chairman Darden and the Tribal Council continually work towards the progress of the Tribe for the people.

***NOTE: The information on the earlier Chiefs of the 1700's and 1800's were acquired through old documents. The Tribal Chiefs and Chairmen of the 1900's is when a definite positive change for the people in the way of economic development started to show. All of these men looked to the future for their people, planning and working towards the economic future and betterment for the Chitimacha.**

CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL
DAILY MENU SCHEDULE
SEPTEMBER 1997

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Sept. 1, 1997 Labor Day Holiday	Sept. 2, 1997 Breakfast Cinnamon Bun, Cheese Sticks, Juice & Milk Lunch Red Beans w/Rice, Sausage, Salad, Cornbread, Fruit & Milk	Sept. 3, 1997 Breakfast Cereal, Toast Sticks, Juice & Milk Lunch Spaghetti w/Meatballs, Sweet Peas, Roll, Fruit & Milk	Sept. 4, 1997 Breakfast Oatmeal, Toast, Juice & Milk Lunch Chicken Nuggets, Parsley Potatoes, Beets, Roll, Fruit & Milk	Sept. 5, 1997 Breakfast Biscuit, Sausage, Juice & Milk Lunch Hot Dog w/Chili, Salad, Cookie, Fruit & Milk
Sept. 8, 1997 Breakfast Waffle, Sausage, Juice & Milk Lunch Chili Fritos, Corn, Salad, Fruit & Milk	Sept. 9, 1997 Breakfast Eggs, Ham, Juice & Milk Lunch White Beans w/Rice, Ham, Salad, Roll, Fruit & Milk	Sept. 10, 1997 Breakfast Cereal, Toast, Juice & Milk Lunch Baked Chicken, Spaghetti n/Cheese, Jello, Fruit & Milk	Sept. 11, 1997 Breakfast Danish, Juice & Milk Lunch Shrimp Etouffe, Green Beans w/Potatoes, Roll, Fruit & Milk	Sept. 12, 1997 Breakfast Biscuit, Sausage, Juice & Milk Lunch Sloppy Joes, Salad, Chips, Fruit & Milk
Sept. 15, 1997 Breakfast Pancakes, Sausage, Juice & Milk Lunch Lassagne, Salad, Garlic Bread, Fruit & Milk	Sept. 16, 1997 Breakfast Ham n/Cheese Buddies, Juice & Milk Lunch Round Steak w/Gravy, Buttered Carrots, Roll, Fruit & Milk	Sept. 17, 1997 Breakfast Cereal, Hash Browns, Juice & Milk Lunch Tacos, Corn, Salad, Fruit & Milk	Sept. 18, 1997 Breakfast Grits, Boiled Egg, Juice & Milk Lunch Pork Chops w/Gravy n/Rice, Cream Style Corn, Fruit & Milk	Sept. 19, 1997 Breakfast Biscuit, Sausage, Juice & Milk Lunch Chicken Fritters Sandwich, Salad, Jello & Milk
Sept. 22, 1997 Breakfast Waffles, Ham, Juice & Milk Lunch Meat Loaf, Creamed Potatoes, Sweet Peas, Roll, Fruit & Milk	Sept. 23, 1997 Breakfast Breakfast Pizza, Juice & Milk Lunch Pork Roast w/Gravy, Yams, Salad, Fruit & Milk	Sept. 24, 1997 Breakfast Cereal, Toast Sticks, Juice & Milk Lunch Fried Fish, Tator Tots, Cake-Gingerbread, Fruit & Milk	Sept. 25, 1997 Breakfast French Toast, Juice & Milk Lunch B-B-Q Chicken, Potato Salad, Rice Dressing, Fruit & Milk	Sept. 26, 1997 Breakfast Biscuit, Sausage, Juice & Milk Lunch Hamburgers, Lettuce, Tomatoes, French Fries, Fruit & Milk
Sept. 29, 1997 Native American Day Holiday	Sept. 30, 1997 Breakfast Cinnamon Bun, Ham Stick, Juice & Milk Lunch Spaghetti, Noodles, Ground Beef, Carrots, Peas, Fruit & Milk	Oct. 1, 1997 Breakfast Cereal Hash Browns, Juice & Milk Lunch Chicken n/Sausage Jambalaya, Green Beans, Roll, Fruit & Milk	Oct. 2, 1997 Breakfast Eggs, Toast, Juice & Milk Lunch Baked Turkey, Yams, Rice Dressing, Roll, Fruit & Milk	Oct. 3, 1997 Breakfast Biscuit, Sausage, Juice & Milk Lunch Sausage Poboy, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Corn-on-the-Cob, Fruit & Milk

Chitimacha Recreation
By Jeri St.Blanc

Get together with your family and come out and swim. The pool committee got together and came out with a pool policy that we hope will benefit everyone. Without our lifeguards, we needed a policy that would allow the kids to continue swimming safely. Please note that no lifeguards will be on duty therefore keep a close eye on the little ones. We will have pool monitors on duty to make sure minors do not enter the pool area unsupervised. You may swim at anytime between 5:30 A.M. and 7:00 P.M as long you are 18 or older or with someone 18 or older. I've included the pool policy to clear up any questions but please feel free to call if you have any concerns. Please note the pool is not open until 1:00 P.M. on Saturdays and Sundays. Hopefully this will enable more flexibility for your family.

Family & Fitness Pool Policy

No Lifeguard on Duty - Swim at your own risk!

Attendant will be on duty

Hours 5:30 AM 'till Dark (Max. 7: P.m.)

Chitimacha participants may bring **one** guest.

Swimmers may not interfere with fitness activities (aerobics, senior water walking, etc.)

You must be **18 years or older** to enter **Pool** area, unless with an adult that is responsible for both your behavior and safety.

An adult may not be responsible for mor than **3 persons** under the age of 18 that are **not** members of their **immediate family living in their household.**

You must sign in before entering Pool; you must also sign for the persons under 18 in your group. If one person from your group is asked to leave pool area, **all in your group must leave.**
The attendant will require you to leave for the following reasons:

Damaging Property
Intoxication
Profane or Abusive Language
Lewd/Sexual Behavior
Diving
Harrassing Attendant or other swimmers
Any Other dangerous or objectionable act

Upon first visit to pool, you must review and sign a disclaimer with the above policy clearly stated.

I have read the above policy and fully understand that I have sole responsibility for the safety and behavior of myself and of all those I sign in my group:

Signature of Responsible Adult

Date

CONGRATULATIONS CHELSEY COOK. CHELSEY brought home the bronze medal at the National Hershey Meet. What a honor to place third in the United States. We are very proud of you. Her medal will be on display in the Fitness Center.

Cross-country runners are out training. The Police Department has been very helpful in helping slow down traffic for our kids to train. We have 32 kids running, ages 6 to 15. Our first race is on Sept. 6th at the Ole Country Fair in Jeanerette. At the end of the month, we will be running in Cade at E.S.A.

Our baseball field is back in use practicing for the Fall Baseball League. We have two Chitimacha teams, 9-10 team and 11-12 team. Our opening game is Sept.16th at Caffery Park. Come out and watch us play. We've improved a lot with a year of experience.

We started our soccer season with a great camp at Caffery Park. Three professional soccer players from Engand conducted the camp with first class instruction. The camp ended with a coaches clinic which provided us with valuable drills to practice with our kids. 63 kids registered for our soccer teams. We will have 6 soccer teams, two teams in each age division. This overwhelming response to soccer puts us in need of coaches to help out. If you have an interest please come out and give us a hand. Our teams will be playing on Monday and Thursday nights at 5:30 and 6:30. I've included a schedule of our games. U9 is ages 6-8, U12 is ages 9-11 and U15 is ages 12-15. Come out and watch our kids.

Chitimacha had our first SWIM MEET. It was a lot of fun. Next year we'll do our best to get a team together. I've had a couple of parents offer to help out already.

Our golf team ended their summer league successfully. Our score improved as the season progressed. We'll be looking forward to tournament play in the spring.

Wednesday nights the Chitimacha gym will be opened for **adult** basketball from 6:30 to 8:00. (EXCEPT for BINGO nights) Dwayne Darden will be the gym monitor on duty. Please pick up after yourself so we can continue to use the facility. Remember it is an alcohol and smoke free facility. Our recreation program puts an emphasis on your health and safety.

SOCCER SCHEDULES FOR 1997

U9 1997 SOCCER

Team #1: Cabot
 Team #2: St. Mary Bank
 Team #3: Guidry/Chauvin
 Team #4: Cypress Bayou Casino Bocats
 Team #5: Cypress Bayou Casino Bizzutes

Opening Date: Sept. 13 (Pictures will be taken)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Time</u>
Saturday, Sept. 13	1 vs.2	9:00 a.m.
	3 vs 4	10:00 a.m.
Monday, Sept. 15	2 vs 3	5:30 p.m.
	4 vs 1	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 18	5 vs 2	5:30 p.m.
	1 vs 3	6:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 22	2 vs 4	5:30 p.m.
	5 vs 3	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 25	3 vs 4	5:30 p.m.
	1 vs 2	6:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 29	5 vs 1	5:30 p.m.
	2 vs 3	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 2	4 vs 1	5:30 p.m.
	5 vs 2	6:30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 6	1 vs 3	5:30 p.m.
	2 vs 4	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 9	5 vs 3	5:30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 13	5 vs 1	5:30 p.m.

U12 1997 SOCCER

Team #1: Scelfo's
 Team #2: Stiel's Insurance
 Team #3: Columbia Chevrolet
 Team #4: Cypress Bayou Casino Bocats
 Team #5: Cypress Bayou Casino Bizzutes

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Time</u>
Saturday, Sept. 13	1 vs.2	9:00 a.m.
	3 vs 4	10:00 a.m.
Monday, Sept. 15	4 vs 1	5:30 p.m.
	5 vs 2	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 18	2 vs 3	5:30 p.m.
	(make-ups)	6:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 22	2 vs 4	5:30 p.m.
	1 vs 3	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 25	5 vs 3	5:30 p.m.
	(make-up)	6:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 29	3 vs 4	5:30 p.m.
	5 vs 1	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 2	1 vs 2	5:30 p.m.
	(make-ups)	6:30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 6	5 vs 2	5:30 p.m.
	4 vs 1	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 9	2 vs 3	5:30 p.m.
	(make-ups)	5:30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 13	4 vs 2	5:30 p.m.
	5 vs 3	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 16	1 vs 3	5:30 p.m.
	(make-ups)	6:30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 20	5 vs 1	5:30 p.m.

U15 1997 SOCCER

Team #1: Bayou Tractor
 Team #2: Hebert/Thompson
 Team #3: Cypress Bayou Casino Bocats
 Team #4: Teche Federal Bank

Opening Date: Sept. 13 (Pictures will be taken)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Time</u>
Saturday, Sept. 13	1 vs 3	9:00 a.m.
	2 vs 4	10:00 a.m.
Monday, Sept. 15	3 vs 2	5:30 p.m.
	4 vs 1	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 18	1 vs 2	5:30 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 22	1 vs 3	5:30 p.m.
	2 vs 4	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 25	3 vs 2	5:30 p.m.
	4 vs 1	6:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 29	1 vs 2	5:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 2	1 vs 3	5:30 p.m.
	2 vs 4	6:30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 6	3 vs 2	5:30 p.m.
	4 vs 1	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 9	1 vs 2	5:30 p.m.

CHITIMACHA SENIOR PROGRAM CALENDAR
DAILY MENU SCHEDULE
SEPTEMBER 1997

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Sept. 1, 1997 Labor Day Closed	Sept. 2, 1997 Baked Turkey, Rice Dressing, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls & Fruit Cocktail Activity: Lil Bingo	Sept. 3, 1997 Breakfast Groundmeat Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread & Pudding Activity: Shopping	Sept. 4, 1997 Baked Chicken, Macaroni n/Cheese, Corn, Salad, Rolls & Cake Activity: Lil Bingo	Sept. 5, 1997 Fried Catfish, Potato Salad, Veggie Tray, Rolls & Fruit
Sept. 8, 1997 Pork Roast, Lima Beans, Cabbage, Rice, Salad, Rolls & Surprise Activity: Lil Bingo	Sept. 9, 1997 Meatloaf, Parsley Potatoes, Corn, Salad, Rolls & Fruit Activity: Lil Bingo	Sept. 10, 1997 Breakfast Smothered Steak, Red Beans, Rice, Squash, Salad, Rolls & Jello Activity: Clean Up	Sept. 11, 1997 Chicken Stew, Rice, Crowder Peas, Cabbage, Rolls & Pie Activity: Shopping	Sept. 12, 1997 Shrimp Stew, Rice, Potato Salad, Broccoli, Rolls & Fruit
Sept. 15, 1997 Smothered Chicken, Rice, Corn Salad, Rolls & Pie Activity: Lil Bingo	Sept. 16, 1997 Pork Chops, Yams, Green Beans, Rolls & Cake Activity: Lil Bingo	Sept. 17, 1997 Breakfast Beef Stew, Rice, Squash, Salad, Rolls & Pie Activity: Lil Bingo	Sept. 18, 1997 White Beans, Rice, Meatballs w/Tomato Gravy, Salad Rolls & Surprise Activity: Shopping	Sept. 19, 1997 Tuna Fish, Salmon Patties, Tator Tots, Veggie Tray & Fruit
Sept. 22, 1997 Smothered Steak, Blackeye Peas, Rice, Salad, Rolls & Fruit Activity: Lil Bingo	Sept. 23, 1997 Pork Chops, Potatoes, Corn, Rolls, Salad & Pudding Activity: Lil Bingo	Sept. 24, 1997 Breakfast Red Beans & Sausage, Rice, Salad, Cauliflower n/Broccoli, Rolls & Jello Activity: Shopping	Sept. 25, 1997 Vegetable Soup, Crackers, Turkey Salad Sandwich & Cake Activity: Lil Bingo	Sept. 26, 1997 Native American Day Holiday
Sept. 29, 1997 Baked Ham, White Beans, Rice, Salad, Cabbage, Rolls & Fruit Activity: Lil Bingo	Sept. 30, 1997 Bar-B-Q Today Activity: Lil Bingo			

SEPTEMBER 1997 BIRTHDAYS

Georgia Magee 9/2
Bobby Chauvin 9/23

Vincent Darden 9/3

A Very Belated Birthday to Geneieve Zook 7/23

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU AND HAVE MANY MORE!!!

GED NEWS!!!

By Ardith B. Soprano

The GED Program is ready to "kick-off" another year! If you have registered in the past, your registration is still active. All you will need to do is attend classes. If you need to register, feel free to do so with the GED teachers or with me, Ardith.

For more information concerning registration or class dates and times, please call Ardith at (318) 923-2463.

STUDENT AID PROGRAM NEWS:

Community Clean-up Day was held on August 23, 1997. Thanks go out to the following Scholarship Students who participated:

Jack Darden, Jules Darden, Carlie Soprano, Elizabeth Oser, Jason Oser, Brian Dautreuil

The following organizations were represented as follows:

Chitimacha Junior Police:

Kensyala Perry, Kenneth Perry, Karial Perry, Blaise Darden, Roy Darden

Chitimacha Tribal Employees:

Tony Darden, O'Neil Darden, Tony Soprano, Ardith Soprano

Community volunteers:

Matthew Darden, Ryan Lamar

Franklin JROTC Program

Lacey Soprano

Again, a special thanks to all of you who gave up your Saturday to provide clean-up services on the Reservation!!!

COMMUNITY PAY BACK SERVICES:

Please provide a minimum of one day notice of your intent to do Community Pay Back Services. This notice will enable me to schedule activities. Failure to provide notice may result in your not having activities scheduled and may cause you to travel to the reservation for no reason.

ENROLLMENT NEWS:

The end of the year is fast approaching! If you have not yet completed the Enrollment process for your newborn, please contact this office!

REMEMBER!!!

Only enrolled members of the Chitimacha Tribe are eligible to participate in the per capita program. If you have any questions, please call Ardith at 318-923-2463.

LIBRARY CLUB NEWS

By Elizabeth Toups, President

The first Library Club meeting was held on August 27, 1997. At the meeting the club members chose the following officers:

President: Elizabeth Toups
Vice-President: Morgan Martin
Secretary: Tasia Bernard
Treasurer: Toni Darden
Reporter: Lacey Fontenot

The members voted to meet after school every 1st and 3rd Monday. As the President of the club, I would like to congratulate all the officers and the members because without them there would be no club!!



**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE SECTION**

This is the public release that will be sent to Chitimacha Tribe Newsletter
Names of News Media Outlets

and NONE
Major Employers Contemplating Layoffs

on Aug. 1997. These groups must be advised of program availability, new programs, or changes in existing programs.

Chitimacha Tribe of LA today announced its policy for free and reduced price meals served under the Local School Food Authority

National School Lunch and/or School breakfast Program(s). All schools and the central office have a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The following family size and annual income criteria will be used for determining eligibility:

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Family Size	Free Meals	Reduced Price Meals
1	\$10,257	\$14,597
2	13,793	19,629
3	17,329	24,661
4	20,865	29,693
5	24,401	34,725
6	27,937	39,757
7	31,473	44,789
8	35,009	49,821
For each additional family member add	+3,536	+5,032

Children from families whose income level is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals. Application forms are being sent to all homes, along with a letter to households. To apply for free or reduced price meals, households should fill out an application for each child and return it to the school. If a multi-child application is used, complete one per household. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year. The information provided by the household is confidential and will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility, and information may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials.

For the school officials to determine eligibility, households now receiving Food Stamps or aid to families with dependent children must provide their Food Stamp case number or AFDC number as well as the signature of an adult household member. All other households must provide the following information on the application: names of all household members; the social security number of either the parent/guardian who is the primary wage earner, or the adult household member who signs the application, or a statement that the household member does not possess one; the amount of income (before deductions for taxes, Social Security etc.) each household member receives, how often the person receives it, and where it is from, such as wages, retirement, or welfare; and the signature of an adult household member certifying that the information provided is correct.

Households that list a Food Stamp or FITAP case number must report when the household no longer receives these benefits. Other households approved for benefits based on income information must report increases in household income over \$50 per month or \$600 per year and decreases in household size. Also, if a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for meal benefits.

Foster children who are the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court may be eligible for benefits. If a household has foster children, and wishes to apply for such meals for them, the household should contact the school for more information.

School Food Authorities that use direct certification should add the following paragraph with appropriate changes:

Households that receive Food Stamps or FITAP do not have to complete an application. School Officials will determine eligibility for free meals based on documentation obtained directly from the Food Stamp/FITAP office which will certify that a child is a member of a household currently receiving Food Stamps or an assistance unit receiving FITAP. School officials will notify households of their eligibility and that the household must notify the school when it no longer receives Food Stamps or FITAP. Households who are notified of their eligibility but do not want their children to receive free meals must contact the school. Food Stamp and FITAP households should complete an application if they are not notified of their eligibility by June 10, 1997.

Date

Under the provisions of the free and reduced price policy, David Bass, Principal
Title of Determining Official

will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent or guardian is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If the parent wishes to make a formal appeal, he may make a request either orally or in writing to:

<u>David Bass</u>	<u>3613 Chitimacha Trail, Jeanerette, LA 70544</u>	<u>318-923-9960</u>
Name	Address	Phone Number

The policy contains an outline of the hearing procedures.

In the operation of child feeding programs administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, sex, national origin, age or handicap. If members of a household believe they have been discriminated against, they should write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

Revised 3/97



COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Call Debbie @ 318 923-4973 to place an Ad

NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE!

We would like to welcome Leslie Fontenot, M.S. to our community. Leslie is a registered dietitian and will be available for individual counseling at the Health Dept. on Wednesdays. She is knowledgeable in meal planning for diabetics, clients with high blood pressure, heart disease clients, eating disorders, weight issues and a number of other areas. If you or someone you know would like to take advantage of Mrs. Fontenot's services please contact Pat Goutirez at the Health Dept. at 923-9955 to set up for an appointment.

Dear Community,

By now, most of you know that I have not renewed my contract to return to the Chitimacha Tribal School for the '98 school year. I have the opportunity to attend graduate school full-time and complete a master's in Curriculum/Instruction and Hospitality. With this degree, I can continue to teach, but at the college level.

I want to thank the children, parents, school staff, School Board, Tribal Council, and community members for twenty years of support and encouragement. My deepest gratitude to you all.

Rebecca Martin

